

God's Positioning System – G.P.S. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Proposition: Every child of God can implement God's Positioning System for their lives by following 3 principals found in these verses.

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I. We Can Surpass the Problems of our Living (Vs. 5)

- A. The Default Reaction to Problems (Vs. 5b)
- B. The Divine Requirement for Problems (Vs. 5a)

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II. We must Stir our Passion for our Lord (Vs. 6a)

- A. A Pursuing Passion (Vs. 6a “*acknowledge Him*”)
- B. A Prevailing Passion (Vs. 6a “*in all thy ways*”)

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III. He will Steer the Paths of Our Life (Vs. 6b)

- A. Into Sovereign Paths (Vs. 6b “*he shall direct*”)
- B. Into Sufficient Paths (Vs. 6b “*direct thy paths.*”)

Proverbs 3:5-6: Gods Positioning System.

When the Brown household loaded up for vacation when I was a kid, nothing was more important to dad than his large Rand McNally road map. From

time to time dad would even let me hold it and read off directions. Well the days of the old paper map are about to be archived in history. The thing to use these days is the Handy dandy G.P.S Global Positioning System. This little gadget no bigger than a calculator holds within it almost every nook and cranny you would want to go to. This device knows where you are ~~via~~ an unseen satellite way above head and from there it enlightens you about your desired direction. Thats all fine and good geographically but what about when it comes to life. A G.P.S. can reroute you around a traffic jam but is the guiding device that will lead you when life is turned upside down. Well when it comes to life + eternity, the best guide is the word of God. Sent from God above, it tells us where we are in life and will lead us in the right direction. This particular

I. We can Surpass the Problems of our Living
(vs 5). You don't have to live very long to realize that life has it's share of problems humps along the road. Sch 5:7. One thing

you can count on is that man is a few days full of trouble

A. The Default Reaction to Problems (Vs 5b)

Our natural default reaction to problems is seen in vs. 5. The word "lean" means to "support ones self." Isn't that what we do when problems arise we look inwardly to our selves, our own strength and our own reasoning. When we lean on our own self we find that we are not self supporting and we fall into worry stress and depression. I read where one fellow said "Everybody's worried about when we look to our own understanding we soon find the difficulties are too great, the problems are

B. The Divine Requirement for Problems (Vs 5a)

God requires that we trust him! Trust the Lord. The word trust here means to hide for Refuge. When we are confused and lost amidst the problems of life, the child of God has a refuge, a hiding place which he can run to! ⁵Deut 33:27 & Samuel 22:3 Ps 46:1 Trust the Lord with all thine heart. 1 Peter 5:7 tells us to cast all our cares upon Him. We face a year of great uncertainty and difficulty. The way to surpass all these is to trust in the Lord ⁶for in middle school we had to do the trust

II. We Must Stir our Passion for Our Lord (Vs 6a)

Just as you have to turn on the G.P.S. and make sure it is charged for it to work So too do we have some responsibilities for

1) ...this particular passage of scripture is a great summary of divine G.P.S (God's Positioning System). Every child of God can implement God's Positioning System for their lives by following 3 principals found in these verses.

2) Job 5:7 ...man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.

3) ...“Everyone's worried about the economy this year. Hey, my hairline is in recession, my waistline is in inflation, and altogether, I'm in depression.”

4)problems are too confusing, and the trials are too heavy for us to bare.

5) **Deuteronomy 33:27** The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms... **2 Samuel 22:3** The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence. **Psalms 46:1** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

6) ...do the trust fall. We had to stand on the bleachers one by one and fall into the arms of our snickering classmates. It was hard to trust the jokesters, dainty girls and the weaklings. As you stand on the verge of an uncertain 2009, will you trust falling into the hands of an all mighty God.

1) Peter 3:18 says, But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

2) ...favorite hymns is by Eliza E. Hewitt - More about Jesus let me learn, More of His holy will discern; Spirit of God, my teacher be, Showing the things of Christ to me. More, more about Jesus, More, more about Jesus; More of His saving fullness see, More of His love who died for me.

3) ...all the rest of the week. So many of you wonder around aimlessly through life and wonder why: In all thy ways acknowledge Him!

using Gods P.S. Notice what we find in this verse

A. A Pursuing Passion - The word acknowledge means simply to know, to be familiar with. "Acknowledge Him" We are to be ever in creasing in the knowledge of God. 1 Peter 3:18

Do you make it your passion in life to know more about the Lord Jesus? To pursue him. Remember when you first met your future wife. How you pursued to know every thing you could about her. Unfortunately time eats away that pursuing passion. Jesus told the church at Ephesus that they had lost their first love. Have you lost the first love for Jesus. One of my favourite hymns is ③

B. A Prevailing Passion - "In all thy ways" This pursuing passion is to the the prevail passion of all of life. I have often referred to a career counseling class I took in high school. The text book had all of life sectioned out in a pie chart, 1 section work family, leisure, hobbies, schooling and spiritual. All separated in sections of pie. Well for the believe, God owns the whole pie! and he is to prevail in every piece of your pie. You G.P.S. will not work with a little tip of your hat to God on Sunday man and forget him all the rest of the ③

III. He will Steer the Pathes of Our Life

(Vsb b) I was thinking about a toy I had as a child. It was a car driving toy you had in your hand. When you turned it on a paper map scrolled

down the member. All the ~~member~~ was a plastic car
A. Into Sovereign Pathes (Vs6b) and He
shall direct" He, the Sovereign God of the uni-
verse will direct thy path. That word "direct"
was sometimes used in the Bible to speak of
that which is straight or even. When you
are following God's Positioning System, He
will never lead you the wrong path. There
may be a lot of twists and turns in the path
he leads us in. But it is always the direct
sovereign path of God. Left to our selves
we will hear off course every time. But if we
trust Him, if we acknowledge Him He will

B. Into Sufficient Pathes (Vs6b) - This word
direct also carries the idea of prosperity
A path of Sufficiency. The Lord Jesus
in the Sermon on the Mount took us to
all the needs of life. Food Raiment
shelter, then gives us the New Test. version
of God's Positioning System ⁽³⁾ in Matt 6:33
Prove 2:15 of the crooked and froward
path of the evil man. You don't have to look
very far to find the wasted, ruined and want-
ing lives of the wrong path. But God promises
his people, paths of sufficiency to those that ⁽⁴⁾

IV. Closing - G. P. S. You know the only
way that a GPS will work is if it is linked
up to that satellite. W/O that link you are
lost. 2 Cor 4 if our gospel is hid, it is hid to the ⁽⁵⁾

- 1) ...was a plastic car that was controlled by a little steering wheel.

The goal was to guide the little plastic car down the approaching path. This verse indicates that if we will trust in Him and pursue Him, our little lives will be guided by His powerful hand.

- 2) ...direct us down His perfect path.

- 3) Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

- 4) ...trust and seek after Him.

- 5) ...hid to them that are lost. If you have never placed your trust in the Lord Jesus as your Saviour then you are lost. Come to Him today.